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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, May 20, 2019, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2019

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: We give You thanks, O God, for giving us another day.

We ask Your blessing this day upon the Members of the people's House. May their labors be graced by Your gifts of wisdom, patience, and charity, that truth and righteousness might prevail in all their proceedings.

We take special note, at the end of National Peace Officers Memorial Week, of the 126 peace officers who have died this past year in the line of duty. We ask that You grant them eternal rest for having paid the ultimate price in protecting us.

Give their families consolation in mourning their loss. May they be assured that we, as a Nation, hold them in our hearts and understand that we will always be indebted to them.

May all that is done within the people's House this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. EVANS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote

on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. EVANS. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Georgia (Mrs. MCBATH) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. MCBATH led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

BLACK MOTHERS SUFFER IN SILENCE

(Mrs. MCBATH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MCBATH. Madam Speaker, Black women are three to four times

more likely to die from pregnancy-related complications, and this disparity persists across socioeconomic and educational levels.

I recently heard the story of a constituent in my district. Her name is Phiffer. After a failed emergency surgery, she was confined to bedrest 20 weeks into her pregnancy, but her doctor failed to address her mental health.

At 30 weeks, she gave birth to a beautiful baby boy. But for a year after, she struggled with mental health.

She said: "I know my story is unremarkable."

Unremarkable. Unremarkable because mothers are suffering in silence. Black mothers are suffering in silence daily.

I am proud to be a founding member of the Black Maternal Health Caucus because we need to address this crisis. I look forward to working with my colleagues to make sure that women like Phiffer receive the proper care that they need and deserve.

HONORING STUART SLIGH, SR.

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Stuart Sligh, Sr., for winning the Savannah Morning News Unsung Hero Award for 2019.

Presented annually at the Best of Preps banquet in the First Congressional District of Georgia, the award honors individuals who unassumingly

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